Promotion of Head constables.

* 319 *Q*.—Sri M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of Sub-Inspectors promoted from Head constables who had completed their probation and were reverted as a result of direct recruitment during the years 1950–52, i.e., up to 31st December 1952 in the Northern Range?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" One hundred and ten, Sir."

Sri M. RAJESWARA RAO :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state whether there are any Police Standing Orders to the effect that 30 per cent of the posts should be reserved for departmental promotion and that the rest only should be filled by direct recruitment? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is a convention observed. There are no Standing Orders to that effect."

Special Revenue Inspectors.

* 320 *Q*.—Sri S. VEMIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Special Revenue Inspectors appointed in 1949–50 in connexion with assignment of lands to political sufferers are still continuing?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No, Sir."

Sale of poramboke lands.

* 321 *Q*.—Sri K. VENKAIAH: Will the Hon the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any orders have been issued by the Government in the last week of February for the sale of poramboke lands under the encroachment of the landless poor, including the Harijans; and

(*b*) if so, whether a copy of the orders will be placed on the table of the House?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No such orders were issued by the Government in February."

Subramaniam Committee Report.

* 322 *Q*.—Sri M. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have dropped or postponed the question of considering the Subramaniam Committee report on Land Reforms?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The recommendations of the Land Revenue Reforms Committee are being examined and it may take some time before final decisions are taken by the Government on them."